

We would like to thank The Free Press for issuing a correction to its recent editorial - "Our View: Jet engine argument doesn't fly," published last Thursday.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (H.R. 5136) included \$485 million for an unnecessary F-35 extra engine. This money was not only unrequested, but vehemently opposed by both the Pentagon and President Obama.

The editorial was corrected to say, "...Democrats Tim Walz, Collin Peterson, Betty McCollum, Keith Ellison and James Oberstar and Republican Erik Paulsen voted against the wasteful spending...". After this error was brought to The Free Press' attention, it was immediately corrected in the online version.

As the government continues to work through tough economic times, keeping a careful eye on federal spending is critical to our nation's well-being. When it comes to wasteful spending, the American taxpayers are the people who ultimately suffer.

U.S. Reps. Betty McCollum, (4th Dist.) and Keith Ellison, (5th Dist)